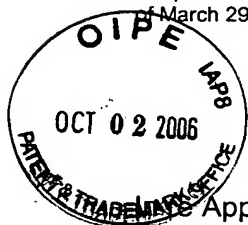


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I hereby certify that the enclosed Request for Continued Examination and Amendment and Response To United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with supporting documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope properly addressed to MAIL STOP — RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on September 29, 2006.

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Petition for Extension Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

On March 29, 2006, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a Final Office Action. A period of three months was provided for Applicant's Response. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time from the June 29, 2006, deadline to September 29, 2006, to file his Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. The extension fee of \$510.00 (small entity rate) is included in the check Applicant has enclosed for government fees.

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
To United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action

Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

On March 29, 2006, an United States Patent and Trademark Office ("Patent Office") Examiner's Action was issued for the Application. The examiner provided a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Action, *i.e.*, to June 29, 2006. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Extension of Time of three months, *i.e.*, to September 29, 2006, to reply to this Action. Accordingly, Applicant's Response is timely as it is being filed on September 29, 2006, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The Action is a Final Action. Accordingly, Applicant also submits a Request for Continued Examination with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), "If an applicant timely files a submission and fee set forth in Section 1.17(e), the Office will withdraw the finality of any Office Action and the submission will be entered and considered." For that reason, Applicant's Amendment and Response is captioned as being under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.